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Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.
Fair Tuesday light changeable winds.

REASON VERSUS PREJUDICE.

We were very much struck with an editorial in the Star, of this city, a short time ago in which our contemporary threw out some reasons why it would advantage Spotsylvania and adjacent counties to send delegates to the gubernatorial convention this summer that were favorable to Mr. Swanson's candidacy. Some may have thought it rather calculating and cold-blooded, but we should like to know what political move of this day and generation is not inspired by the same sentiment. Every one of the four gentlemen who are aspiring to be our next Governor has a purely personal aim in it. It has been many a day in politics since men were called and forced to serve the people in such high positions. But this does not detract one whit from a man's deserts. We presume Senator John W. Daniel has served his State more faithfully during a long career—a career of war and peace than any other public man now before the people, yet today if he aspired to the Governorship, an office which comes directly from the people, he would have to hustle to get it.

So each of the present aspirants is looking out for number one. Why, then, should not each section look out for its own interests when its welfare is at stake? If it were a local office that were under question you would see pretty quickly that no man was chosen over another if the local interests were to suffer by so doing. It is all very well to talk about the "dear people" and the "people's candidate," when one side or another wants to get "in," but if the "dear people" don't look out for their interests they are soon forgotten. Mr. Montague's friends are shouting that he is the people's man, but what marked service has he ever done the people? He has made a good Attorney-General; there were others, but they did not ask the people to elect them Governor because of their faithful service. They were content to fill to the best of their ability an office with which they had been honored by the whole people, and for which they had been amply paid with the people's money. If it is to be looked at in this light Mr. Swanson has even better grounds to ask the support of Virginians. While he, too, has been honored and paid by the people (though a tenth part of them) the peculiarity of his office is such as has made it other than a sinecure. He has had to fight every hour, you may say, for every inch of the rights of his party and people of the whole State.

But these things are neither here nor there. No dishonor has been cast upon either gentleman, and we hope no attempt will be made to do so, for we all but know that one or the other will within a year be sitting in the Chief Executive's chair at Richmond, and it would be a pity to have his name tarnished—even though it be unmerited. The men who have raised the cry of "the people against the machine" have been unable to produce any good reason for not electing Mr. Swanson, and it has partaken of the oft heard wail of the "outs" against the "ins."

When these truths confront us we must become impressed with the fact that the whole campaign is calculating and cold-blooded. There would seem, then, that there is but one thing for our people to do—both men being considered above reproach—to apply the rule laid down by the Star: Support the man who, by his ability, affiliations or inclination, may be able to accomplish the most good for our particular section. Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania have their Battlefields Park project; the First District has its water interest, and the Eighth District her varied interests, affected chiefly by national legislation. Given the inclination Mr. Montague's affiliations are not such as would enable him to promote the welfare of any of these sections on the lines suggested. On the other hand, Mr. Swanson, who is already one of the most influential men on the Democratic side in Congress, is most to be admitted can advance these interests to a greater degree than any other man in the field. He will have six of the members of Congress, and maybe more, who are on such good terms with him that they will not refuse to aid worthy undertakings which are urged by his friends of the localities interested. He has as warm friends the two able Senators from Virginia—a working team which has no superior from any State.

Decry such a policy all you may, but it is a condition which confronts us; the chief opponents of Mr. Swanson and Senator Martin are looking out for themselves, not the "dear people," so the people will have to look out for themselves. Virginia will get one Battlefields Park, hardly more. Another city is a close rival of ours.

POLITICAL.
The candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, now that the State for the State convention has been fixed, are using every endeavor to have cities or counties they know are favorable to them elect delegates as early as possible.

Under the plan of representation in the State convention, the ten Congressional districts will be entitled to delegates as follows: First, 135; Second, 180; Third, 128; Fourth, 108; Fifth, 120; Sixth, 130; Seventh, 158; Eighth, 161; Ninth, 180; Tenth, 143.

A Democratic primary was held at Manassas Saturday to nominate a candidate for Supervisor for that magisterial district. W. M. Wheeler, L. A. Larkin, Jr., and Frank Davis were the candidates. Each had a large number of supporters, but Mr. Wheeler won.

Anton John E. Massey left a manuscript autobiography, in which he treated the political history of Virginia for the past 50 years. The manuscript will make an excellent book and was presented to the late Senator Massey. It was Mr. Massey's intention to have published this paper very soon had he lived.

A mass-meeting of the Democratic party was held at Orange Court-house last week for the purpose of electing delegates to the 15th district Senatorial convention to be held at Culpeper on the 15th of June. The meeting endorsed Col. Geo. S. Shackelford for Senator and requested him to appoint his delegates.

The David B. Hill boom for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1904 appears to be prosecuted with considerable vigor. It has already been announced that the ex-Senator will make a tour of the Southern States this fall, and it now develops that plans are being made for carrying his campaign for the nomination into the Western States next year.

We have a copy of the paper of Bryan, strong and able, but its purpose as an educator will be much strengthened if it comes under David Bennett Hill as our next nominee.

In fact, we must adopt a different plan. With every different kind of a man; And if one plan fails throw it aside. And a different one at once is tried. For we don't believe in cast-iron rules. Nor in using on all the same tools. And if teaching fails, the blame ought To rest on the teacher, not on the taught. So in the next fight let us advance. On the sound doctrine of The Free Lance.—Richmond County, Virginia Citizen.

A Sledge-Hammer Blow.
Newspaper readers recall that, some weeks back, a small committee of a particular trades-union in Richmond city passed resolutions favoring Mr. Montague and condemning Mr. Swanson. The resolutions were published, and the committee was exposed. The resolutions were published, and the committee was exposed.

Because of the effort to misrepresent Richmond's labor people the following letter from President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, to President John K. Kraus of the Richmond Trades and Labor Council, regarding the attitude of Congressmen Claude A. Swanson towards measures affecting the labor people has been published. It reads:

"Dear Sir and Brother—Your favor of the 26th instant at hand and contents noted. You ask what is the record of Congressmen Claude A. Swanson in regard to the different labor bills which were before Congress.

"It is only fair to him to say, and also to our movement, that he favored and advocated every bill in the House of Representatives, and added considerably during the committee stages of the bills.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The William L. Wilson Endowment Fund is growing.
The contract has been let for the rebuilding of Macedonia church, in Louisa county.

The Rappahannock Valley Convention meets at St. John's church, Warsaw, April 30th to May 2nd.

The Electoral Board of Orange C. H. has ordered the registration books of the town to be newly copied.

It is reliably stated that a Richmond capitalist has recently made nearly a million in Seaboard Air Line stock.

Master Randolph Marshall fell from a car at the Narrow Gauge depot at Orange C. H., and broke his left arm.

A fine portrait of Chief Justice Marshall will be presented to the University of Virginia by a Richmond gentleman.

Mr. Fred Downing, of Sharp's Wharf, has sold to a gentleman in Georgia, a one-year-old Va. Monarch colt for \$125.

It is rumored that Mrs. Dr. Davis, of Greene county, will inherit a fortune from a relative who died recently in New York.

The farm of the late Wm. J. Rowell, in Orange county, containing 125 acres, has been sold to James Rogers, at \$25 per acre.

Mr. Edward Amos, formerly of Orange, row of Warren, and Miss Mollie Yowell, of Orange C. H., were married last week.

The funeral of Hon. John E. Massey took place at the First Baptist church in Charlottesville Friday. It was numerous and attended.

It is rumored that the Trustees of Richmond College are not going to accept the resignations of Drs. Thomas and Pollard at their meeting in June.

Rev. P. H. Pernell, who has been pastor of the Baptist church at Eastville, for nearly eleven years, has accepted a call to a church in Baltimore, Md.

J. B. Williams killed last week, in Rappahannock county, a bald eagle which measured five feet seven inches from tip to tip and weighed four pounds.

The first asparagus of the season raised in the Northern Neck was shipped to Baltimore by Geo. Callaghan, of Lancaster, and brought \$6 a dozen bunches.

The State Board of Education will today begin the work of electing the 117 superintendents of public schools of the State. There are 75 contests for these places and some of them bitter.

St. Charles Catholic church, in Cape Charles, has undergone a thorough renovation. The interior work having cost about \$500. It was opened Sunday, when Rev. J. A. Lyons, V. G., preached.

It is said that the net annual earnings of the People's National Bank of Leesburg, during the past 13 years has been 17 per cent. The capital stock of the bank has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Miss Mary Marshall Miller, of Culpeper county, and Mr. M. C. W. Ford, of Baltimore, were married in Culpeper last week. Mr. Ford is a prominent lawyer, and was assisted by the Rev. C. W. Collier.

Real estate is selling well in Greene county. Mr. Z. K. Page sold his farm to Mr. M. C. Call last week for \$2,400. Mr. Call sold his recently to Mr. Maupin, of Washington city, for \$2,900, and Mr. Charles Dean bought Mr. Milton Mann's farm for \$1,100.

The committee of Wharton Grove Camp (Baptist), near Wrenn, Lancaster county, next Wednesday to determine upon what date the meeting this summer shall be held, and to let the privileges to the numerous bidders.

Auditor Marye says that as he proceeds in the Shepherd investigation he finds additional evidence of wrong-doing, and says enough has already been said to indicate to his mind that the work was systematically done, and he cannot estimate what the amount will reach.

W. A. Thompson (colored), was before Justice M. C. Lewis, Saturday, charged with selling liquor at Downing, Richmond county, without license. A fine of one hundred dollars was imposed. It was in evidence that Thompson had been violating the law in this particular for several years.

Mr. James W. Durham, of Essex county, who recently won the joint orator's medal at Richmond College, will represent the college in the State oratorical contest at Charlottesville next Friday. He won the debater's medal in the Sigma Rho Society two years ago, and is contesting this year for the Greek medal.

Bransom King, colored, living near Jefferson, Culpeper county, in attempting to rescue his children from his burning home Friday night, was burned to death, together with his four children. His wife and three children had been gotten out and when he entered the house to rescue the remaining four children the house fell in.

Representative W. A. Jones will sail today from New York for Porto Rico and Cuba. Mr. Jones will take his family and secretary, Mr. Leslie Garrett, with him and will be joined in New York by Hon. John F. Riker and wife and Hon. D. A. De Armond, of Missouri. The party expects to return to this country on or about May 20.

Mr. L. C. Coker, Judge Brown, Hon. C. Harding Walker and W. Y. Morgan, the committee in charge of Marine Grove Camp Ground, in the Northern Neck, met on the grounds last week to make arrangements for the twenty-third annual meeting in August. Privileges were let and contracts awarded for improved seats under the tabernacle.

Hon. S. M. Newhouse, member of the Legislative Commission to investigate the condition of the State penitentiary, was in Baltimore last week with the other members of the commission to inspect the Maryland state penitentiary. He expresses himself as being much pleased with the system in vogue in Maryland.—Culpeper Exponent.

The date of the Democratic State Convention, August 14th, will interfere with some who desired to attend the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo on Virginia day. This date for Virginia day at the Exposition was selected by Gov. Tyler at the request of the Board of Managers. The State Committee did not remember this fact in selecting a date for the convention, and Virginia day at the Exposition may be changed.

It is a pity that Suffolk gave the northern press an opportunity to inveigh against "southern civilization." Quite possibly those negro women deserved all they got—and they chose the last rather than imprisonment in default of paying fines—but it would have been better to have rubbed them by sending them to jail, where they would have been out of from liquor, and would have suffered quite as much as they did from stripes.—Richmond Dispatch.

Senator Geo. W. Leato left here Monday for Baltimore, Md. He is chairman of a legislative committee to examine the construction of penitentiaries with a view to making improvements in the State penitentiary at Richmond, Va. No better selection could have been made for this work. Senator Leato is a man of good judgment and experience, and will note well any advantages in the construction of such institutions.—due to the development and application of modern science in such work.—Accomac News.

George Kimble, alias "Frisco Slim," J. H. Morris and James Dillion, the three suspects held at the Richmond jail at the request of Inspector Bulla, of the Post-office Department, were given a preliminary hearing in Richmond Friday. The Inspector stated the warrants charging Kimble and Morris with being implicated in the Orange Court-house post-office robbery would be withdrawn as it has been ascertained in Richmond that the men were in detention at Trenton when the Orange robbery was committed.

The bronze statue representing "Virginia mourning her dead," the work of Sir Moses Jacob Ezekiel, has reached Lexington and will be placed on the parade grounds of the Virginia Military Institute at an early date. The statue is the expression in bronze of the sorrow of a great Commonwealth at the untimely fall of her sons in her defense, will memorialize the dead and living of the historic old battalion of the Institute who took part in the battle of Newmarket on May 15, 1864.

Near Manassas, May 11th, at 1:30 two steers chased a heavy cow over a course about 25 miles. One dollar entrance fee; opened to all horses owned in Prince William county. Post entries. A handsome first and second prize for each race. No admission fee.

The State Summer Normal meets at Marion, July 1st to 26th. Teachers attending can have their certificates renewed without examination. Probably course will be taught; probably examinations reviewed and examinations held.

Judge T. R. B. Wright, of the Circuit Court, will hold a special term of his court in King William county, beginning today. The regular term of the court could not be held, owing to the connection of Judge Wright in the Coleman-Sanders case.

A kiln dry of Edlits & Co., at Standardsville, Greene county, caught fire last week, destroying about five thousand feet of lumber.

Miss Helen Gould has given \$10,000 for the erection of a Y. M. C. A., building at Fort Monroe.

More fraud arrests have been made in Manila.

There are 3,828 millionaires in the United States.

A jury at Omaha, Neb., acquitted Jas. Callahan of complicity in the kidnapping of Edward Uduhy, Jr.

It is said that military law has been established in Cape Colony, South Africa, and the situation is alarming.

Last month's fire losses, amounting to \$15,000,000, have aroused insurance men to seek greater protection against present methods of electric wiring.

The restriction of negro suffrage in Southern States was criticized by speakers at various celebrations of Gen. U. S. Grant's birthday anniversary.

Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Parkhurst, in a sermon in his New York church, said both the South and the North disliked the negro, but the North "lied about it."

George Gould has doubled the fortune of \$70,000,000 left by his father, formerly a poor shoemaker. Since his father's death, Mr. Gould has been making \$1,500,000 a month.

The President has decided to order the restoration of the historic relics of George Washington, now in the Smithsonian Institution, to the present head of the family, George Washington Custis Lee.

While attempting to sink a shaft in the Mount Airy tunnel, at Ridgeville, Md., for the B. & O. railroad improvements, about 2,000 tons of earth fell Saturday, burying a number of workmen alive.

The report to Secretary Wilson shows great growth in the beet sugar industry in the United States. It is estimated there will be 12 in this country, in operation by next winter.

Conservative estimates place the number of homes and the financial loss in the principal cities in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio in the flooded districts as follows: Homes, 11,555; estimated damage, \$2,450,000.

Capable of discharging 116 bullets a minute at a high initial velocity, the new automatic pistol adopted by the Board of Ordnance and Fortification for the U. S. Army is in many respects a masterpiece. An order for 1,000 of the pistols for the cavalry has been placed.

Plans have been agreed upon for a new Department of Agriculture building, to cost not exceeding \$2,000,000. It will be U-shaped, of white marble, four stories high, with a 400-foot front, and two wings, each 200 feet long. The present building will be incorporated within the new structure.

Mrs. Benjamin Harrison accepts the provisions of the will of the late Gen. Harrison. By the terms of the will she is to receive \$15,000 in cash, the summer home in the Adirondacks, the use of the home in North Delaware street, Indianapolis, and the interest on \$125,000 during her life.

There is great difficulty being experienced by many railroads in securing operatives—engineers, brakemen, flagmen and conductors. The scarcity of rough labor has been apparent for nearly two years, but it has not been the case in years that the skilled laborers necessary to operate a railroad were hard to secure.

It is reported that the British agent in New Orleans has discovered that Boer agents, employed as cattlemen, have infected horses destined for South Africa with glanders and other diseases. Hundreds of these animals are said to have died on the way to the Cape, while many on their arrival have had to be destroyed.

The Turkish government is concluding a contract for a new cruiser, although nothing has been paid on account of the cruiser ordered in the United States. Neither has anything been paid on the Krupp account for naval guns for naval vessels. The Turkish government has been contracted to be transformed into modern ships been taken to Germany, owing to lack of funds.

The Cuban Constitutional delegation completed its labors in Washington Saturday. In the morning the delegates met Secretary Root, who escorted them to the White House, where they had a final and decisive talk with the President, who received them with great consideration, but informed them that they must settle their form of government and dispose of political questions before they could be taken up with them by the United States Government.

The "Presidential special," bound for the Pacific, started yesterday from Washington at 10:30 a. m. All the members of the party were at the Pennsylvania station shortly after 10 o'clock.

Each member of the President's party has been furnished a prepared itinerary of the trip in the form of a booklet, which has been handed out to each member in addition to a map showing the route to be taken by the party, the day and hour of arrival and departure of each point, and a photograph of each place to be visited.

Besides the Presidential party are newspaper men, telegraph operators, railroad officials and a photographer. Short stops were made at Alexandria, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Roanoke in Virginia, and the President shook hands with people at the stations.

ACCOMAC POLITICS.

Wescott, Willis and Kendall the Nominees.
(Special to The Free Lance.)
Accomac, Va., April 29, 1901, 5:30 p. m.

The Democratic convention here today nominated John M. Willis, frontier delegate for Elizabeth City and Accomac counties to the Constitutional Convention, and Colonel S. Kendall as frontier for the counties of Northampton and Accomac, and also ratified the election of N. B. Wescott, who won over Judge J. W. G. Blackstone by a majority of fifteen hundred, in a primary on Saturday last, as a candidate for the county of Accomac.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.
The Republicans have nominated for delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Smyth and Bland counties, A. T. Lincoln.

The Republicans of Richmond county held a mass-meeting Saturday at Warsaw, and decided not to put up a candidate against the Rev. W. F. Dunaway, the Democratic nominee for the Constitutional Convention.

At a joint convention of the counties of Madison and Greene, held Saturday at Madison Hon. Edward H. Lovell, was unanimously nominated to represent the two counties in the Constitutional Convention.

The Democratic primary election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention from Accomac county passed off quietly Saturday. The candidates were Judge J. W. G. Blackstone and N. B. Wescott. Mr. Wescott was nominated by a majority of 1,500.

Ex-Judge F. L. Taylor has declared himself a candidate for the Constitutional Convention, to represent Mathews and Gloucester counties. Judge Taylor is chairman of the Republican party in Gloucester, but he is not the candidate of any party, the Republicans declining to make any nomination.

The delegate to the Constitutional Convention is not an official in the ordinary acceptance of that term. He is far more than an officeholder. He is the direct representative of the sovereign people, exercising their highest prerogative—the establishment of the organic law of the land.—Portsmouth Star.

The Republican Committee of Essex, in Tappahannock Saturday endorsed Mr. Joseph A. Bristow, of Middlesex, as the independent candidate for the Constitutional Convention in Essex and Middlesex conditionally. If he opposes the disfranchisement of the negro and the division of the school fund they endorse him; otherwise they do not.

While not intending to criticize constituents of any of the delegates chosen, they are the best judges of whom without prior, there are two men we had hoped to see members of the convention, but who have failed of nomination. These are Messrs. H. S. George, Tucker and Joseph Bryan. While not agreeing with these gentlemen in their latter-day national politics—though they may have been right and we wrong—we regard them both as conscientious in their views and fearless in proclaiming them, two of the largest essential in organic law-making, and believe that they love their State and wish above all things to see it progressive.—Blackstone Courier.

Step that Had Cold in 10 Minutes—or it will develop into chronic catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder stops cold in the head in ten minutes, and relieves most acute and deep seated catarrh after one application. Cures quickly and permanently. "I have used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder with best results. It is a great remedy, and I never cease recommending it." JOHN E. DELL, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. For sale by Johnston & Pearson.

TO R. H. EVANS AND E. WILGETT.
You are hereby notified that two lots of land, situate in the town of Colonial Beach, Washington district, Westmoreland county, Virginia, known by plot of said town of Colonial Beach, as lots 1 and 6, Bk. 55, was sold Feb. 27, 1899, for delinquent taxes, levies, interest and costs to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and application for the purchase thereof has been filed in this office, and it appearing from the records of said office that you are interested in said land, you are further notified to appear in four months from date of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect your interests. Given under my hand this 23rd day of April, 1901.
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